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## Area of a Right Triangle



Find the area of each triangle.
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Challenge: Find the area of the polygon. Use the back if you need work space.


## ANSWER KEY

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To find the area of a right triangle, use the formula $1 / 2 \mathbf{x}$ base $\mathbf{x}$ height. This formula is often written as $\mathbf{1 / 2} \times(\boldsymbol{b} \times \boldsymbol{b})=\boldsymbol{A}$.

The triangle pictured here has a base of 10 cm and a height of 8 cm .
$\boldsymbol{b}=10 \mathrm{~cm}$
$\boldsymbol{b}=8 \mathrm{~cm}$
$1 / 2 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm} \times 8 \mathrm{~cm}=40 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$
Note that the area's unit is written as $\mathrm{cm}^{2}$.
This is said as "square centimeters" or "centimeters squared".
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